

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-20 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 13 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) are being anticipated by Roy (USP no. 5,966,135), which is the same reasons for rejecting the claims recited in the prior Office Action. In reply to applicant's arguments in response to the prior Office Action, the "through the selection of points and their presentation in the displayed reports, Roy teaches [the claim element] 'using any selected point as a co-ordinate parameter'."

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejection the claims. However, the claims have been amended to recite the invention claimed. Claim 1, for example, has been amended to recite:

1 A method of providing a display for a graphical user interface in which a user may define a selected point on a subject image, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying the subject image;

displaying an enlargement of the subject image in response to a user selection and a point, determined from said user selection, on which said the subject image is based; and

displaying upon said enlargement, a point upon which said displayed subject matter is based, as a first co-ordinate parameter.

No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment may be found in figures 1-5, which illustrate the selection by the user of an area 20 and the determination of a point 21 in the selected area (figure 1). Figure 2 similarly illustrates the enlargement of the selected area with points 21, upon which area 20 is based, and prior point 13 as a first point. Figure 4 illustrates a further enlargement wherein a new area is selected and a determined point 40. Figure 5 illustrates the selection of a second point 50. The written specification teaches that the points are determined based as the area selected. See for example, page 3, lines 14-21 ("A user does so by touching the touch sensitive display 11

at the required location and in doing so makes a footprint 20 shown in figure 2, the footprint being the area of contact between the finger of the user and the display. A selected point 21 may be defined as the centroid of the footprint. As illustrated in figure 3 and in accordance with the present invention, a user selecting a point on the display 11 causes the map 12 to be enlarged, centered about the selected point 21.")

Roy teaches a system that enables viewing a map picture that is generated from vector-base data. Additionally map pictures are comprised of map objects, such as states and cities. Map objects can be chosen to obtain additional information, for example, a different map picture. Additionally, areas of the map picture can be zoomed in or to view the areas with greater resolution or to obtain additional data about the areas. (see Abstract). Roy teaches that map objects may be selected and that "when any map objects that were previously chosen will no longer be chosen." See col. 12, lines 53-54. Roy further teaches multiple map objects may be chosen. See col. 12, lines 54-55 ("[a] map object can be added to the group of previously chosen map objects by holding the <SHIFT> key while choosing the map object." Roy additionally teaches expanding an image by zooming ("[s]everal types of zoom command are available. A user can choose to zoom in by a factor of two by choosing the zoom command from the menu bar, by using the mouse cursor to choose a point around which to zoom." (see col. 13, lines 25-30).

However, Roy fails to teach displaying an enlarged image and a point from which the enlarged image is based. Furthermore, Roy fails to teach that display as a point upon which the initial image is based and used as a first co-ordinate point. For example, with reference to Figure 3 of the instant invention, Roy fails to teach the presentation of point 40, upon which the enlarge image is based, and point 13 which is a point determined from a previous image.

Roy cannot be said to anticipate the present invention, because Roy fails to disclose each and every element recited.

At least for this reason, applicant submits that the rejection of the claim has been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

With regard to the remaining independent claims, applicant submits that the reason for rejecting these claims have been overcome for the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made with regard to the rejection of claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

With regard the remaining claims these claims ultimately depend from the independent claims, which have been shown to contain subject matter not disclosed by, and, hence, allowable over, the reference cited. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Claims 2 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roy and Smith (UK application GB 2,344,037).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims.

Claims 2 and 14 depend from independent claim 1 and 13, which has been shown not to be anticipated by Roy as Roy fails to recite a material element claimed. Smith provides no teaching to correct the deficiency found to exist in Roy.

Accordingly, the invention recited in claims 2 and 14 is not rendered obvious by the teachings of Roy and Smith, as the combined device fails to recite all the elements claimed in the independent claims and, consequently, in the dependent claims.


Having shown that the combined device fails to disclose all the elements claimed, applicant submits the reason for the rejection has been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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